

## Biographical Sketch

John D. Graham was born (1956) and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, a son of an accomplished steel industry executive. He earned his B.A. (politics and economics) at Wake Forest University (1978) where he won national awards as an intercollegiate debater. He earned his M.A. degree in public policy at Duke University (1980) before serving as staff associate to Chairman Howard Raiffa's Committee on Risk and Decision Making of the National Research Council/National Academy of Sciences. His Carnegie-Mellon University Ph.D. dissertation on automobile safety, written at the Brookings Institution, was cited in pro-airbag decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court (1983) and by Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole (1985).

Dr. Graham joined the Harvard School of Public Health as a post-doctoral fellow in 1983 and as an assistant professor in 1985. He taught the methods of decision analysis and cost-benefit analysis to physicians and graduate students in public health. His prolific writings addressed both the analytic and institutional aspects of lifesaving policies. Dr. Graham earned tenure at Harvard in 1991 at the age of thirty-four.

From 1990 to 2001 Dr. Graham founded and led the Harvard Center for Risk Analysis (HCRA). By raising over \$10 million in project grants and philanthropic contributions, Dr. Graham helped support eight new faculty positions and dozens of post-doctoral and doctoral students. By 2001 HCRA became internationally recognized for analytic contributions to environmental protection, injury prevention, and medical technology innovation.

In 1995 Dr. Graham was elected President of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA), an international membership organization of 2,400 scientists and engineers. Dr. Graham reached out to risk analysts in Europe, China, Japan and Australia as he helped organize the first World Congress on Risk Analysis (Brussels, 2000). Later, in 2009, Dr. Graham received the SRA's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award, the society's highest award for excellence.

In March 2001 President George W. Bush nominated Dr. Graham to serve as Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. He was confirmed by the Senate in July 2001. Located in the Executive Office of the President, this small office of 50 career policy analysts oversees the regulatory, information and statistical activities of the federal government. In this capacity, Dr. Graham worked to slash the growth of regulatory costs by 70% while encouraging good regulations that save lives, prevent disease, and protect the environment.

From March 2006 to July 2008 Dr. Graham was Dean of the Frederick Pardee RAND Graduate School at the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California. PRGS is the largest doctoral program in policy analysis in the world. In this role, Dr. Graham streamlined the core curriculum, established new analytic concentrations, revised the program requirements to enable students to launch their dissertations more promptly, and raised funds from individuals and corporations to support scholarships, dissertation support and policy papers co-authored by students and RAND researchers.

On July 28, 2008 Dr. Graham assumed the Deanship of the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (Bloomington and Indianapolis), one of the largest public policy schools in the United States. The School has about 1,500 undergraduate majors, over 300 master's students and about 80 doctoral students. The 75 full-time faculty include laboratory scientists, social scientists, lawyers and policy specialists.